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including *Hymenostomum Breutelii* (C. M.) Broth. which is common on St. Thomas. The collections of this year included 75 specimens, representing 26 species and 19 genera of mosses, including 2 new species, one a small *Phascum*, collected on roadside banks, near Charlotte Amalia and an undescribed species of *Hyophila* from the Island of St. Jan collected by Dr. Britton and Dr. Shafer.

Mrs. Britton also read by title, for publication in the *Bulletin*, a report on some collections of Central American mosses sent for determination from the National Museum including specimens from Guatemala and Costa Rica, including also some specimens from Honduras collected for the New York Botanical Garden by Mr. Percy Wilson. These included 54 species representing 34 genera, with descriptions of a new species of *Macromitrium* and a new genus *Isodrepanium* raised from subgeneric rank to include two synonyms, with illustrations and specimens collected in Jamaica, Central America and South America.

Mr. Taylor gave some account of the flowering plants collected by Mr. Robert Cushman Murphy on the island of South Georgia in the Antarctic regions. Specimens were exhibited, and one or two illustrations also, from the work of Dr. Carl Skottsberg.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NEWS ITEMS

At the annual meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences held December fifteenth, the following botanists were elected fellows of the academy: Oakes Ames, R. A. Harper, Wm. Mansfield, W. A. Merrill and Norman Taylor. At the same meeting Dr. N. L. Britton presented the name of Sir David Prain, Lieut.-Col., director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, for election as an honorary member of the academy. Dr. M. A. Howe was elected a councilor for 1914-1916.

Professor F. L. Stevens, of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, has accepted the position of professor of plant pathology at the University of Illinois. The appointment becomes effective February 1, and thereafter Professor Stevens's address will be Urbana, Ill.

Rev. Reuben Denton Nevius, D.D., died at Tacoma, Washington, December 14, 1913. He was born at Ovid, New York, November 27, 1827, and was a graduate of Union College of the class of 1849. He was a Protestant Episcopal clergyman and missionary, and, it is said, had been instrumental in establishing more than thirty churches and chapels in the Pacific Northwest. As a botanist he was known for his work as a collector in Alabama, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Asa Gray dedicated to him the handsome rosaceous shrub *Neviusia alabamensis*, which is known only from two localities in Alabama. *Chenactis Nevii*, *Mnium Nevii*, *Racomitrium Nevii*, *Sedum Nevii*, and perhaps other species commemorate his botanical interests. Dr. Nevius is reputed to have possessed the best collection of diatoms in the Northwest.

P. B. Kennedy, Ph.D., '99, Cornell, professor of botany, horticulture and forestry in University of Nevada College and Experiment Station, has accepted a position with the University of California as assistant professor of agronomy, beginning January 1, 1914.

Mrs. Agnes Chase, assistant in systematic agrostology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has returned from Porto Rico where she has been collecting and studying grasses for about two months. Of the 123 species of grasses known from the island she obtained all but three, and about 40 additional species. *Arthrostylidium sarmentosum* Pilger, a climbing bamboo, known only in the sterile condition, was obtained in flower.

Dr. Arthur Hollick, curator of paleobotany at the New York Botanical Garden for many years, has resigned to accept the position of curator-in-chief, of the Museum of the Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences, vacated by the resignation of Mr. C. L. Pollard.

We regret to record the death of Mr. C. B. Robinson at the island of Amboina announced in the daily papers at Christmas. Details are as yet lacking and the date of his death is unknown. He was collecting there for the Philippine Bureau of Science.

According to the *Evening Post*, George W. Hess, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed Superintendent of the National Botanic Garden to succeed C. Leslie Reynolds, who died recently. Mr. Hess is forty-nine years old, and has been growing flowers and trees since he was sixteen. For the last few years he has resided in the South. At a recent civil service examination he got a rating of 100 per cent. on the growing of foreign plants, and 98 per cent. on general gardening.

At the annual meeting of the Club held Tuesday, January 13, the following officers were elected for the coming year: *President*, R. A. Harper; *Vice-Presidents*, J. H. Barnhart and H. M. Richards; *Secretary* and *Treasurer*, B. O. Dodge; *Editor*, A. W. Evans and the following *Associate Editors*, Jean Broadhurst, E. D. Clark, J. A. Harris, M. A. Howe, H. M. Richards, A. B. Stout, and Norman Taylor. Dr. William Mansfield was elected delegate to the council of the New York Academy of Sciences.